

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Upon Arrival From Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
July 16, 2022

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The President's Meeting With Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia

Q. Is the Saudi Foreign Minister lying, President Biden? The Saudi Foreign Minister says he didn't hear you accuse the Crown Prince of Khashoggi's murder. Is he telling the truth?

The President. No.

Q. Do you regret the fist bump, Mr. President?

The President. Why don't you guys talk about something that matters? I'm happy to answer a question that matters.

Inflation

Q. Will inflation go down from here, Mr. President?

The President. I'm hoping. We'll know in the next few weeks.

Marijuana Decriminalization

Q. President Biden, will you be honoring your campaign pledge to release all the marijuana inmates in prison?

The President. I don't think there should—I don't think anyone in—anyone should be in prison for the use of marijuana. We're working on the crime bill.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 11:55 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. A reporter referred to Minister of Foreign Affairs Faysal bin Farhan Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 17.

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